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Announcing Public Workshop on Oil Spill Settlement Restoration Projects

State and Federal agencies are initiating efforts to restore natural resources that were injured in the 1998 Command Oil Spill. The tanker vessel Command released oil into waters outside of San Francisco Bay. The oil came ashore along the San Mateo County coast and impacted thousands of seabirds, miles of seashore and impaired human use activities.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the California Department of Fish and Game, the California State Lands Commission, and the California Department of Parks and Recreation are the Trustees for the natural resources injured by the spill. They are authorized to assess the injuries caused by the spill, to recover damages, and to use the damages recovered to restore, rehabilitate, replace, or acquire the equivalent of the affected natural resources. A settlement of \$5,518,000.00 was obtained, of which \$3,913,015.97 was allocated to restore natural resources damages.

A Scoping Document has been developed and the Trustees are initiating a scoping process to involve the public in the development of a restoration plan and environmental assessment. To obtain a copy of the Command Oil Spill Public Scoping Document visit <http://www.darcnw.noaa.gov/command.htm>, <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/Ospr/restorations.html> or contact Charlene Hall, Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office at (916) 414-6739 or by email at Charlene_Hall@fws.gov. **The Trustees will hold a public scoping meeting at the Ted Adcock Community Center Sun Room in Half Moon Bay CA on May 21, 2002 from 6:00-9:00pm, located at 535 Kelly Avenue.** Please call 650-726-8297 for directions. Trustees will present the Scoping Document and accept public comment and restoration proposals. We encourage you to share your thoughts and proposed restoration projects through written comments. The public scoping period ends on June 6, 2002. Comments must be received by June 6, 2002, to be considered. Please send comments to: Field Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Rm. 2605, Sacramento, CA 95825 (facsimile 916/414-6713).

Newspaper Calendar of Events copy for TV Command Public Workshop

Public workshop scheduled to discuss proposed natural resource restoration projects for the TV Command Oil Spill, which occurred in 1998. The workshop will be held in the Sun Room at the Ted Adcock Community Center in Half Moon Bay from 6:00 - 9:00 pm on Tuesday, May 21, 2002. For more information or to request an advance copy of the Public Scoping Document, visit <http://www.darcnw.noaa.gov/command.htm> or call Charlene Hall, at 916-414-6739.